## Congressman Baird Helps Secure \$5.8 Million for Northwest-based Defense Projects-Federal Funding Will Protect Troops and Create Jobs- (June 20, 2006)

Washington, D.C. - Congressman Brian Baird helped secure \$5.8 million for Northwest-based defense projects in the Fiscal Year 2007 Defense Appropriations Act that passed the House today. The bill is now headed to the Senate for its approval.

ϊ¿½This funding will provide critical protections to our servicemen and women and help create new jobs throughout our region, ϊ¿½ said Congressman Baird. ϊ¿½As an avid mountain climber and outdoorsman, I was already familiar with the popular applications of these amazing hi-tech products. When I learned about the life-saving applications they could have for our troops in combat, I began vigorously advocating for the increased federal funding that will get them to our servicemen and women in Iraq and Afghanistan. ϊ¿½

Portland-based HemCon, Inc. received \$3 million to study the efficacy of its advanced bandage, already proven to help treat severe bleeding, to treat burns sustained from improvised explosive devices (IEDs). Seattle-based Outdoor Research received \$1.5 million to manufacture fire resistant combat gloves for the Marine Corps that are more tactile than those currently in use. Seattle-based Cascade Designs received \$1 million to produce safer, more efficient individual water purification systems for the Marines Corps. And, Portland-based Silver Eagle Manufacturing Company received \$300,000 to design and manufacture towing platforms for the military�s new mobile field hospital system.

HemConï¿1/2s Chitosan Hemorrhage Control - \$3 million:

The \$3 million Congressman Baird helped secure for Portland-based HemCon, a manufacturer of advanced medical technology devices, will be used to study the efficacy of compressed chitosan-based hemostatic bandages on burns. HemCon�s chitosan bandages are already being used by the Army to treat severe external and internal bleeding sustained from combat injuries.

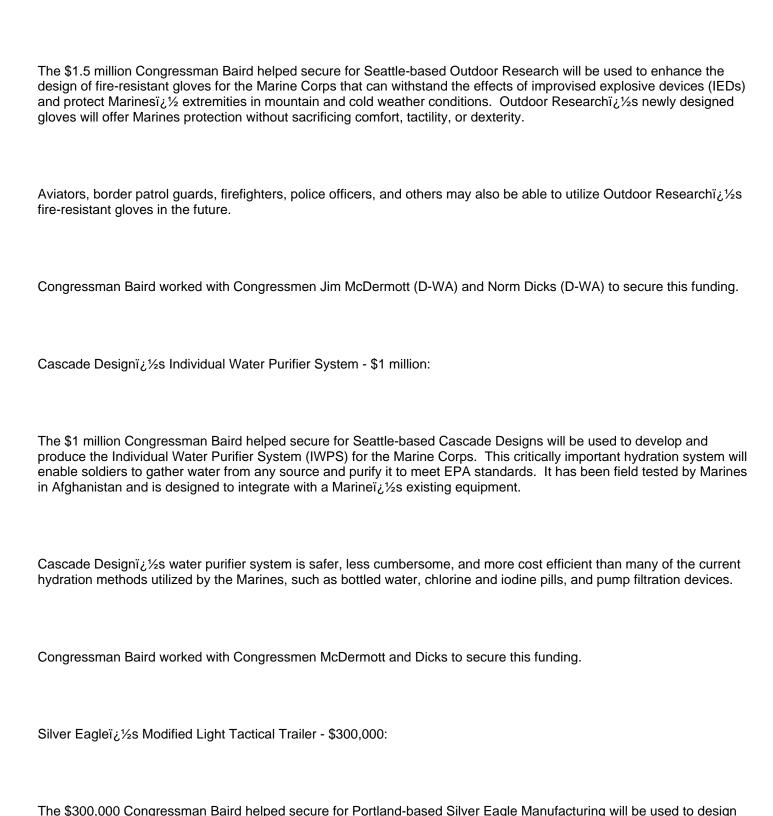
Chitosan is derived from chitin, a polysaccharide found in the exoskeletons of crustaceans. Chitosan-based bandages form a barrier to bacteria and show great promise in preventing bleeding, fluid loss, and infection resulting from burns.

The Army Surgeon General has requested that every soldier deployed to a combat zone carry a HemCon chitosan bandage in his or her first-aid kit.

Congressman Baird worked with Congressman David Wu (D-OR) to secure this funding.

Outdoor Researchi ¿1/2s Flame Resistant Combat Gloves - \$1.5 million:

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to the outdated field hospitals currently in use. Each Future Medical Shelter System is a self-contained field hospital with built-in power and supplies. Silver Eagle has been subcontracted by Mobile Medical International Corporation (MMIC) to provide tow platforms for transporting the medical facilities.

Silver Eagle�s appropriation was part of a \$10 million package for the Future Medical Shelter System � a successor

and manufacture modified Light Tactical Trailers, or tow platforms used to transport the military; 2/2s new mobile field

hospitals.

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Congressman Baird worked with Congressman Ray LaHood (R-IL) to secure this funding.

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